

AGENDA
Upper Clark Fork River Basin Steering Committee
Thursday, December 16, 2004
9:30 AM -4:00 PM
Fred Buck Room
DNRC Water Resources Office
1424 9th Ave.
Helena, Montana

- I. 9:30 - 9:45 AM, Welcome and Introductions** - Gerald Mueller, Steering Committee members, and guests will introduce themselves.
- II. 9:45 - 10:00 AM, Approve Agenda.**
- III. 10:00 - 10:45 AM Discussion of the EQC Adjudication Funding Bill (LC0395)** - The Steering Committee will consider adopting a position on this draft legislation which would place a fee on all water right holders to raise about \$3.1 million per year to facilitate completing the adjudication within 15 years.
- IV. 10:45 - Noon, NRCS EQIP Programs and Montana Water Rights** - Carrie Mosley, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist (Programs) will discuss with the Steering Committee issues concerning NRCS EQIP programs and Montana water rights. Please see the attached letter to Ms. Mosley.
- V. Noon - 1:15 PM, Lunch** - Luncheon arrangements will be announced.
- VI. 1:15 - 3:15 PM, Discussion with Musselshell River Basin Water Users** - The Musselshell basin has been operated under an enforceable water rights decree for three years. Bob Goffena, Teri Hice, and possibly other Musselshell water rights holders will discuss their experience operating under this decree with the Steering Committee. Please see the attached letter to Mr. Goffena.
- VII. 3:15 - 3:45 PM, Discussion of Water Legislation Before the 2005 Legislature** - Mike McLane and Holly Franz will review water-related legislation pending before the next legislature.
- VIII. 3:45 -4:00 PM, Public Comment.**
- IX. 4:00- 4:15 PM Next Meeting:**
 - A. Agenda;
 - B. Location; and
 - C. Date & time.
- X. 4:15 PM, Adjourn.**